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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument  
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**SPECIAL RECREATION PERMIT(SRP) STIPULATIONS**

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**GENERAL**

- 1) Permittee shall follow all procedures and requirements set forth in the Monument SRP Policy.
- 2) Permittee shall comply with all stipulations listed on the back of Form (8370-1).
- 3) For “multi-year user” SRPs, two consecutive seasons of nonuse may result in cancellation of the SRP and would require the permittee to apply for a new SRP.
- 4) A “multi-year user” SRP is not valid unless accompanied by a current Annual SRP Authorization.

**APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

- 1) The permittee shall comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, postings, or written requirements applicable to the area or operations covered by the SRP. The permittee shall ensure that all persons operating under the authorization have obtained all required Federal, State, and local licenses, permits, and/or registrations. The permittee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure compliance with these requirements by all agents, employees, and/or representatives of the permittee and by all clients, customers, or participants under the permittee's supervision.
- 2) SRPs for commercial recreation uses requiring a license or licenses from the State of Utah (i.e., outdoor youth programs), will be valid only when accompanied by a valid State license (public utility commission (PUC) certificate).

**NON-EXCLUSIVE USE**

- 1) Unless expressly stated, the SRP does not create an exclusive right of use of an area by the permittee. The permittee shall not interfere with other valid uses of the Federal land by other users. The United States reserves the right to use any part of the area for any purpose.
- 2) Unless use allocations are in place, the public lands will generally remain available on a first-come first-served basis to as many other commercial and private users as desire to use them, except as otherwise provided for in these stipulations. Nothing herein implies that the first permittee into any area has been authorized an exclusive use privilege.
- 3) Nothing in this SRP will be construed as license for the permittee, employees, or clients to use an

area of the public lands which are otherwise restricted or closed e.g., restrictive off-highway vehicle designation areas.

### **CONDUCT AND MANNERS**

- 1) The permittee is at all times responsible for the actions of himself, his employees, and guests in connection with the authorized operations, and shall not cause a public disturbance or engage in activities which create a hazard or nuisance.
- 2) Aside from the LEAVE NO TRACE land ethics included as stipulations,, permittees are strongly encouraged to follow the otherand LEAVE NO TRACE land ethics and TREAD LIGHTLY land ethics (Appendix 8) and inform their clients about these practices and ensure that they follow them.
- 3) The permittee shall inform both the employees, agents and representatives, and the clients, customers and participants under its supervision, of the terms and conditions of the authorized SRP.
- 4) No one shall intentionally or wantonly destroy, deface, remove, or disturb any public building, sign, equipment, marker, or other government property, cultural sites, historic structures, natural features of the land, vegetation, or wildlife, except as legally taken.

### **MODIFICATION, AMENDMENT, OR CANCELLATION**

- 1) A SRP authorizes special uses of the public lands and related waters and, should circumstances warrant, the SRP may be amended or modified by the Monument at any time, including the amount of use. The Monument may suspend, or cancel a SRP, if necessary, to protect public resources, health, safety, the environment, or noncompliance with SRP stipulations.

### **FINANCIAL**

- 1) No value shall be assigned to or claimed for the SRP, or for the occupancy or use of Federal lands or related waters granted thereupon. The SRP privileges are not and shall not be considered to be protected property interests, which the permittee shall be entitled to earn or receive any return, income, price or compensation. The use of a SRP as collateral is not recognized by the BLM.

### **FEES**

- 1) If permittee fails to submit any required form or fee by the specified deadline, an Annual SRP Authorization will not be issued until the form or fee is received and processed by the Monument, and late fees will be assessed using the following schedule:
  - 2 weeks late = \$100.00 fine,
  - 3 weeks late = \$250.00 fine, and
  - 4 weeks late = \$500.00 fine.
- 2) The permittee shall pay visitor use fees for each of its clients recreating in fee areas.

### **TRANSFERS AND OWNERSHIP**

- 1) A SRP may be transferred at the discretion of the Monument.
- 2) In the event of default on any mortgage or other indebtedness, such as bankruptcy, creditors shall not succeed to the operating rights or privileges of the permittee's SRP.

## **INSPECTIONS OF RECORDS AND PREMISES**

- 1) The permittee must present or display a copy of Form (8370-1) and its Annual SRP Authorization to Monument personnel, or law enforcement officers upon request. If required, the permittee must display a copy of the SRP or other identification tag on equipment used during the period of authorized use.
- 2) The Monument, or other duly authorized representative of the BLM, may examine any of the records or other documents related to the SRP, held by or in the custody of the permittee or the permittee's operator, employee, or agent for up to 3 years after expiration of the SRP.

## **RESOURCE PROTECTION**

### **General**

- 1) The permittee cannot, unless specifically authorized, erect, construct, or place any building, structure, or other fixture on public lands. Upon leaving, the lands must be restored as nearly as possible to pre-existing conditions.
- 2) Hammering nails into trees is prohibited.

### **Archaeological/Cultural**

- 1) All persons associated with operations under this SRP must be informed that any objects or sites of cultural, paleontological, and scientific interest, such as historic or prehistoric resources, graves or grave markers, human remains, ruins, cabins, rock art, fossils, or artifacts shall not be damaged, destroyed, removed or disturbed. If in connection with operations under this SRP any of the above resources are discovered, the permittee shall immediately stop operations in the immediate area of the discovery, protect such resources, and notify the Monument as soon as possible of the discovery.

### **Camping**

- 1) Dispersed primitive camping is not allowed in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones. Camping in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones must be in developed campgrounds or in designated primitive camping areas. Designated primitive camping areas have not been identified in the Monument to date. Therefore, if a permittee outfitters and guides intends to camp in areas not designated as primitive camping areas in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones, they must identify these areas in their operating plans.
- 2) Motorized or mechanized vehicles may pull off designated routes no more than 50 feet for direct access to dispersed camping areas in the Outback Zone, except in Wilderness Study Areas, endangered plant areas, relict plant areas and riparian areas.
- 3) Camping within 200 feet of an isolated water source, i.e., seep, spring, pond, rock pool, water pocket, is prohibited.
- 4) Permittee will maintain all premises to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, and sanitation

acceptable to the Monument. Camp areas will be regularly cleaned and no trash or litter will be allowed to accumulate.

- 5) Food and/or equipment caches will not be allowed unless prior approval is obtained from the Monument. Location of proposed caches must be identified in the permittees operating plan.

### **Collections**

- 1) Collection of Monument resources, objects, rocks, petrified wood, fossils, plants, parts of plants, animals, fish, insects or other invertebrate animals, bones, waste, or other products from animals, or of other items from within the Monument is prohibited. The collection of small amounts of fruits, nuts and berries for personal, noncommercial use is allowed.

### **Fire**

- 1) Campfires are not allowed in the Escalante and Paria/Hackberry Canyons, No Mans Mesa, and in archaeological sites, rock shelters and alcoves throughout the Monument. Appendix 7 further defines these no campfire areas.
- 2) Campfires are allowed only in designated fire grates, designated fire pits, or mandatory fire pans in Frontcountry and Passage Zones. However, wood collection for campfires is not allowed in Frontcountry and Passage Zones, therefore you must bring your own.
- 3) Campfires are allowed in Outback and Primitive Zones. The use of fire pans is encouraged and only dead and down wood can be collected or bring your own. Burn wood to ashes and douse with water, making sure that your fire is DEAD OUT and that the area is restored to a natural condition before leaving.
- 4) When using designated fire grates or designated fire pits in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones, burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then leave cool ashes.
- 5) If using a mandatory fire pan in the Frontcountry and Passage Zones, burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then pack out cool ashes.
- 6) If constructing a fire in the Outback and Primitive Zones, use an existing fire ring, instead of building a new one. Also, burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.
- 7) The use of billy can stoves in areas where fires are not allowed is prohibited.
- 8) Permittee may be held responsible for fire suppression costs resulting from wildfire caused by the permittee, and its employees, agents, and/or representatives and by all clients, customers and participants under the permittee's supervision.
- 9) Wildfires should be reported immediately to the nearest BLM office. Permittee is responsible for informing employees, clients, and participants of the current fire danger and required precautions that may be placed in effect by BLM or the State of Utah.

**Group Size Limits**

- 1) Group size is limited to 25 people in the Passage and Outback Zones including guides.
- 2) Group size within the Primitive Zone is limited to 12 people and 12 pack animals including guides, however within the Paria River corridor in the Primitive Zone group size is limited to 25 people including guides.
- 3) Group size limits cannot be achieved by staggering individual groups along a single route by time or distance. Instead, individual groups must comply with group size limits by utilizing separate and unique routes, or by traveling from opposite ends of a single route. If traveling from opposite ends of a single route, groups may pass each other, however they cannot gather at a single location.

**Water**

- 1) Permittee is responsible for knowing where wilderness study areas (WSA) and other special management areas (i.e., Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Research Natural Area, etc.) are and use restrictions that may apply to such areas. Maps and information concerning restrictions are available at the Monument.

**TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS**

- 1) All machinery (street legal motorized vehicles, non-street legal all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes etc.) that has been used outside the Monument must be cleaned prior to use in the Monument, to prevent the possible introduction and spread of noxious weeds.
- 2) Access onto the Monument will be along defined roads listed on the transportation map in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Management Plan.
- 3) Cross-country motorized travel on the Monument is prohibited. All motorized and mechanized (bicycles, deer carts) vehicles must stay on designated roads while traveling in the Monument.
- 4) Permittee shall not construct new trails, or maintain existing trails without written authorization from the Monument.
- 5) The permittee shall not use paint or flagging, or construct cairns to mark trails, unless specifically allowed for in its Annual SRP Authorization.

**SANITATION AND AESTHETICS**

- 1) Operation and maintenance of all sanitation, food service, and water supplies, systems, and facilities shall comply with the standards of the local department of health and the United States Public Health Service.
- 2) Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, litter, toilet paper and hygiene products. and litter.
- 3) Burning and burying food waste are prohibited.

- 4) Permittees in an area where there is less than a 200-foot distance (about 85 adult steps) from water sources, camp, and trails must use a portable self-contained toilet system. All human waste must be packed out and disposed of at a certified disposal site.
- 5) If a small portable toilet cannot be used, deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 4 to 6 inches deep at least 200 feet (about 85 adult steps) from water sources, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Never dig a cathole under an overhang or shelter.
- 6) If necessary, i.e., camping in one location for multiple days, a trench may be dug to dispose of human waste. To dig a trench, start with a cathole dug 4 to 6 inches deep and expand it in one direction as additional people use it; soil dug from the trench should be used to cover the feces.
- 7) If camping in an area for more than one night, cathole sites must be widely distributed.
- 8) To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from water sources and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater and pack out remaining food particles.
- 9) Wash water must be emptied over sand, gravel, or another filtering surface.

#### **SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT**

- 1) The permittee shall provide the equipment necessary to serve the clients, customers, and/or participants under its supervision in a safe manner.
- 2) A copy of any accident report involving property damage (in excess of \$200.00), personal injury, or death must be submitted to the Monument within ten days of the accident. Other accidents shall be reported in the Post Use Report.
- 3) The permittee shall carry a major first aid kit on all permitted trips. A minor first aid kit is required to be with each sub-group should a trip be split into more than one activity.
- 4) Unless specifically authorized in the SRP, discharge of firearms is allowed only for legal pursuit of game animals by a licensed hunter.
- 5) Use of explosives, pyrotechnics, and fireworks is prohibited.
- 6) The permittee must assume responsibility for inspecting the permitted area for any existing or new hazardous conditions, e.g., trail and route conditions, land slides, avalanches, rocks, changing water or weather conditions, falling limbs or trees, submerged objects, hazardous plants or wildlife, or other hazards that present risks for which the permittee assumes responsibility.

#### **USE OF EQUIPMENT NOT OWNED BY THE PERMITTEE**

- 1) Written notice of intent to use vehicles and other equipment with outfitter markings (company names, logos, etc.) other than those of the permittee (or another outfitter permitted to operate by the Monument) must be made to the Monument office at least one (1) day prior to the scheduled trip. If the markings are those of an outfitter not permitted by BLM, the markings of equipment used must not be visible. The use of unmarked rental vehicles, or such equipment clearly marked as a rental, is not

restricted by this provision.

#### **ASSIGNMENT, SUBLETTING AND RELATED PROHIBITED ACT**

- 1) The permittee or permittee's representative may not assign, contract, or sublease any portion of the SRP authorization or interest therein, directly or indirectly, voluntarily or involuntarily. However, contracting of equipment or services may be approved by the Monument in advance, if necessary to supplement a permittee's operations. Such contracting should not constitute more than half the required equipment or services for any one trip and the permittee must retain operational control of the permitted activity. If equipment or services are contracted, the permittee shall continue to be responsible for compliance with all stipulations and conditions of the SRP.
- 2) The following list of prohibited acts has been developed to ensure that the permittee outfits and retains operational control of trips conducted under the SRP. Therefore, the Monument may amend, modify, or revoke a SRP upon determining that any of the following have taken place:
  - a) a third party advertisement used to book a trip does not clearly indicate that the trip will be operated by the company holding the SRP,
  - b) the booking agent or advertiser provides both passenger transportation to the public lands and equipment used on the activity,
  - c) the booking agent or advertiser provides more than half of the equipment or livestock provided on the trip,
  - d) more than two (2) representatives or employees of the booking agent or advertiser (employed during the same calendar year) act as guides or crew during a trip. Such representatives or employees must constitute less than 50 percent of the crew,
  - e) a trip is represented to the participants as being conducted by other than the permittee,
  - f) equipment to be used or guide clothing carries the name, markings, or logo of the booking agent or advertiser involved with the trip (this does not apply to booking agents who are permitted outfitters),
  - g) the passengers and crew are not covered by the insurance carried by the permittee.

An advertiser or booking agent for the purposes of this section is defined as an individual or organization that advertises or books trips for the permittee but does not hold a SRP to run commercial trips within the Monument. Upon submission of a request from the permittee, the Monument may authorize trips that do not strictly meet the above requirements.

#### **SIGNING AND ADVERTISING**

- 1) All advertising and representations made to the public and the Monument must be accurate. Although the addresses and telephone numbers of the BLM may be included in advertising materials, official agency symbols may not be used. The permittee shall not use advertising that attempts to portray or represent the activities as being conducted by the BLM. The permittee may not portray or represent the SRP fee as a special Federal user's tax. The permittee must furnish the Monument with any current brochure and price list if requested by the Monument.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL STIPULATIONS FOR PERMITTEES GUIDING HUNTERS**

- 1) Hunters are prohibited from field dressing game animals within 200 feet of trails and water sources.

- 2) Shooting at rocks, signs, trees, or non-game animals for target practice is prohibited.
- 3) Hunting must be in full compliance with State of Utah and Federal wildlife laws and regulations and the rules of fair chase.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL STIPULATIONS FOR PERMITTEES GUIDING CLIMBERS**

- 1) Climbing, bouldering, or any form of canyoneering is not allowed in archaeological sites, on natural bridges or arches, or within identified threatened and endangered species nesting areas.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL STIPULATIONS FOR PERMITTEES USING RIDING OR PACK ANIMALS**

- 1) Horses or other pack animals are not allowed in relict plant communities, archaeological sites, rock shelters, or alcoves.
- 2) Sheep species are not allowed for pack use.
- 3) Riding and pack stock are limited to 12 animals in the Primitive Zone.
- 4) Only weed free hay, straw and non-germinable grains may be used to feed and or bed livestock, or linebe placed in the bottom of stock carrying vehicles.
- 5) Permittees may not clean out stock trucks or trailers on the Monument.
- 6) Hobbles, pickets, high lines or temporary corrals shall be used to control livestock.
- 7) Riding and pack stock may not be tied to a live tree for more than one hour.
- 8) Riding and pack stock may not be confined within 200 feet of a water sources, camp and trails, or 200 feet of a main trail or developed campground, and 100 feet of an archaeological site. If it is necessary to keep riding and pack stock confined for an extended period of time, select a site where damage to vegetation is minimized.
- 9) All animals will be under control in route and in camp to protect wildlife, other livestock, and range forage.
- 10) Stock may not travel in streams except when crossing.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL STIPULATIONS FOR PERMITTEES USING OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND MOUNTAIN BIKES**

- 1) Permittee will be familiar with and comply with State of Utah law regarding Off Highway Vehicles. All trips and trip participants must follow state regulations and manufacture's recommendations regarding operations.
- 2) Permittees will operate in accordance with 43 CFR 8340, concerning OHV use on public land. Only routes specifically approved in the permittee's operating plan on file with the Monument may be utilized. Permittee must be familiar with the Monument's OHV designations, whether posted on the



ground or not.

- 3) OHV operators must yield to non-motorized users. Mountain bikers must yield to pedestrians and pack stock.

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### **CERTIFICATION**

- 1) I have read these terms, conditions and stipulations and understand that I must abide by them while performing activities in connection with the permitted operations, and I understand that failure to comply with all terms, conditions, and stipulations may result in the Monument cancelling my SRP.

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Name Printed:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_